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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/749,732	Applicant(s) LONG ET AL.	
	Examiner Robert J. Hoffberg	Art Unit 2835	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12/30/03 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: Para 0007, line 21, "air outlet 164" should be "air outlet 174". Para 0011, line 19, Para 16, line 17, Para 0023, line 16, "an person" should be "a person". Para 0014, line 5, "mounting points 115" should be "mounting points 215". Para 0026, line 20, "air outlet 464 (not visible)" should be "air outlet (not visible)". Para 0026, line 23, "air inlet 464" should be "air inlet 468".

Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show air inlet, 468 as described in the specification. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an

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application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

3, Claims 1-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The allowability resides in the overall structure of the apparatus as recited in independent claims 1, 9 or 20, and at least in part, because claims 1, 9 and 20 recite a mounting base including a "first central beam of elongate and curving shape", "a first hinge pin holding beam of elongate and curving shape along the inner side of the central beam to receive a first hinge pin" and "a first lock pin holding beam of elongate and curving shape along the outer side of the central beam to receive a first lock pin".

The aforementioned limitations in combination with all remaining limitations of the respective claims are believed to render said independent claims 1, 9 and 20 and all claims dependent therefrom patentable over art of record.

The closest references to the present invention are believed to be as follows: Fowler (US 2,584,173) teaches an apparatus (Fig. 5) to attach a pair of pins to a mounting bracket which is close to the arrangement claimed but lacks the specific structure and arrangement in claims 1, 9 and 20. Syring et al. (US 6,711,015) teaches a similar apparatus (Fig. 3b) to attach a pair of pins to a mounting bracket which is close to the arrangement claimed but lacks the specific structure and arrangement in claims

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1, 9 and 20. Jeffries et al. (US 5,745,342) teaches an apparatus (Fig. 4) to attach device using a mounting base with a beam of elongate and curving shape, but lacks the pins and the channels for receiving the pins, which is close to the arrangement claimed but lacks the specific structure and arrangement in claims 1, 9 and 20. Champlin (US 3,266,589) teaches an apparatus (Fig. 5) to attach a device to a mounting base that is close to the arrangement claimed but only has a single pin and a channel to receive the pin.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dynie (US 4,947,289), Tollbom (US 5,793,614), Back (US 5,946,196) and Rubenstein (US 2004/0174686) for teaching a pair of beams into receive a pin. Johnson et al. (US 6,430,041) and Wooden et al. (US 6,445,576) for teaching a hinge apparatus to hold a device.

None of the cited references, either taken alone or in combination is believed to render the present invention unpatentable as claimed.

Conclusion

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: specification and drawings.

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No amendment affecting the scope of the claims is allowed. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. Hoffberg whose telephone number is (571) 272-2761. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn D. Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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